

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Form numbers in this area D1 - D23	Area no. D
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Lexington

Name of area (if any) Munroe Tavern

Historic District

3. General date or period 1700-1900

4. Is area uniform (explain):

in style? No

in condition? Yes

in type of ownership? no-town, rental, private <sup>twined</sup>

in use? schools, house museums residence

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.

See attached Town Engineers Map. of Munroe Tavern District, March 1966

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____ MHC Photo no. _____
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6. Recorded by Eliz. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lex. Hist. Com.

Date 9/23/75

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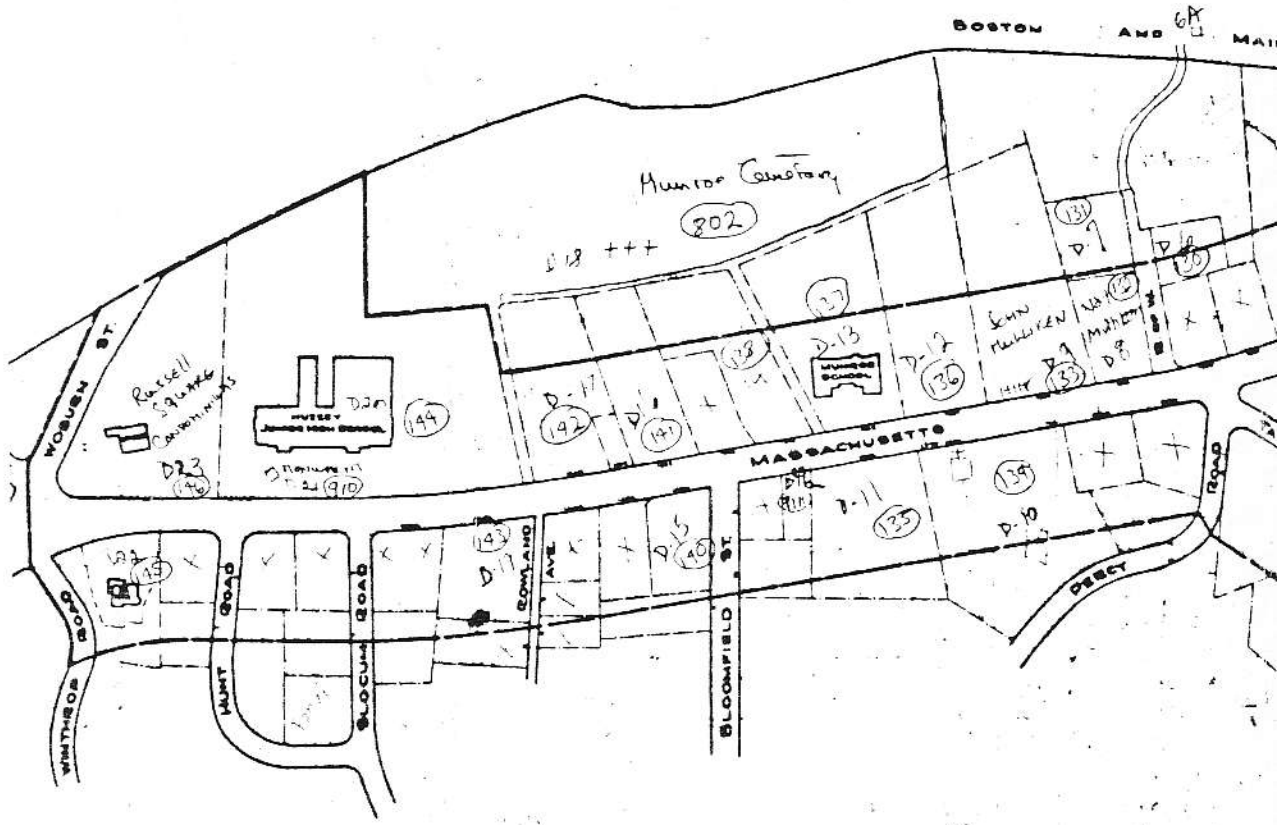
7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

The Munroe Tavern historic district contains Lexington's oldest surviving structures (Sanderson House - D-3; Mason House D-5) both purportedly late 17th century, both much altered. On April 19, 1775, Earl Percy's relief force set up headquarters & a hospital at the Munroe Tavern. Percy deployed cannon on Munroe hill & further down the road on site of present Muzzey Jr. High School with which he covered the retreat of Capt. Smith's regulars. The retreating British burned houses along this stretch of road & killed crippled John Raymond as he defended Munroe Tavern having abandoned his own tavern now site of John Mulliken house.

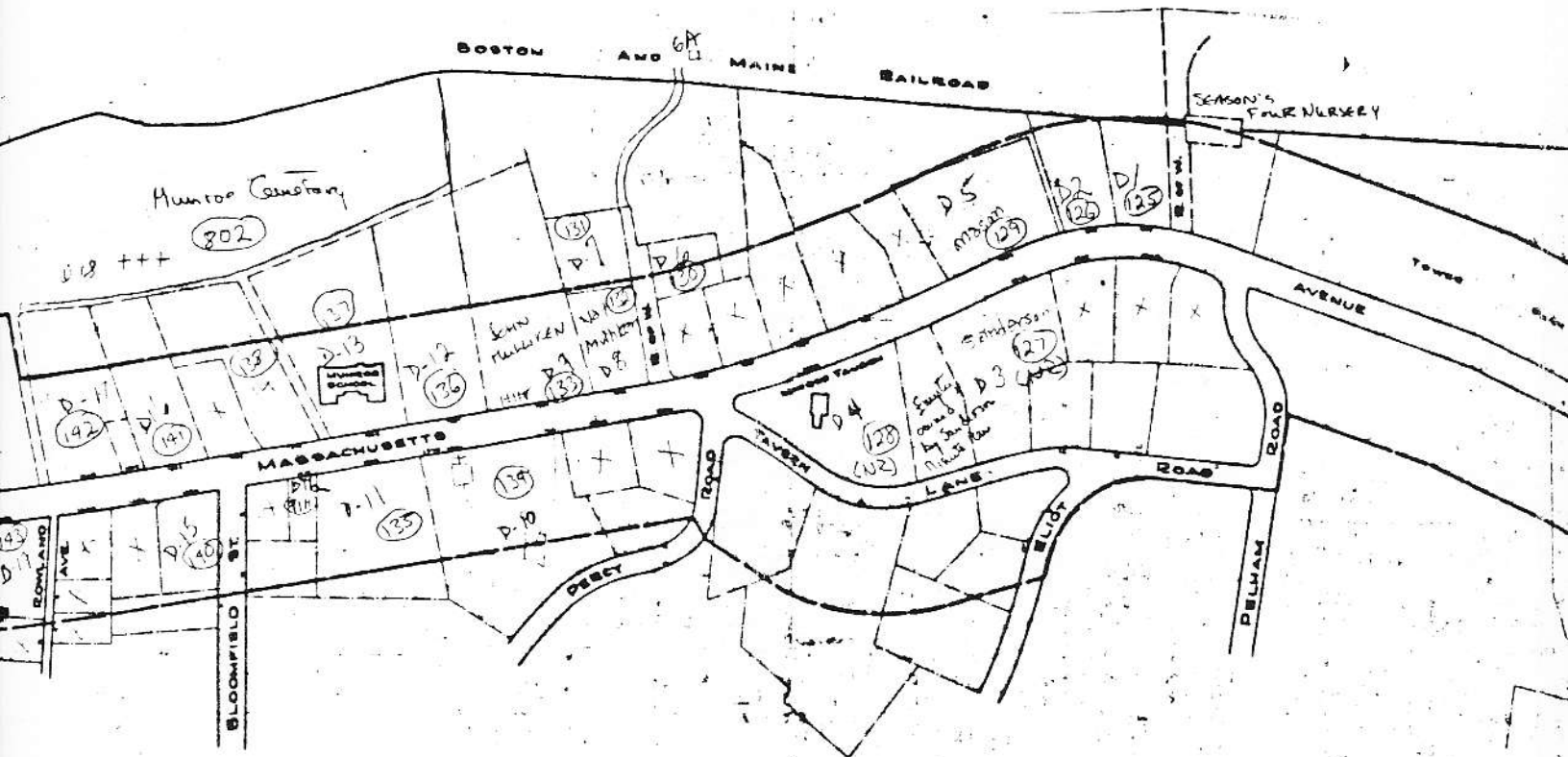
This stretch of Mass. Ave. demonstrates Lexington's post. Revolutionary vitality (John Mulliken House - D9, 1795;) Nathaniel Mulliken house. D.8, 1799, moved to present location in 1890's; Sullivan Burbank Tufts house. D-14, 1808; Fitz-Burr Howland house-D-16, C.1810; Levi Mead - now D-17. 1795, with c 1830 addition). Later houses provide a case-book sampling of 19th & early 20th century vernacular styles.

8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

J. G. Hales Maps of Lexington - 1830  
Chas. Hudson - History of Lexington  
(Survey maps - 1853-1876)



MUNROE TAVERN  
 LEXINGTON  
 SCALE 1"=200'



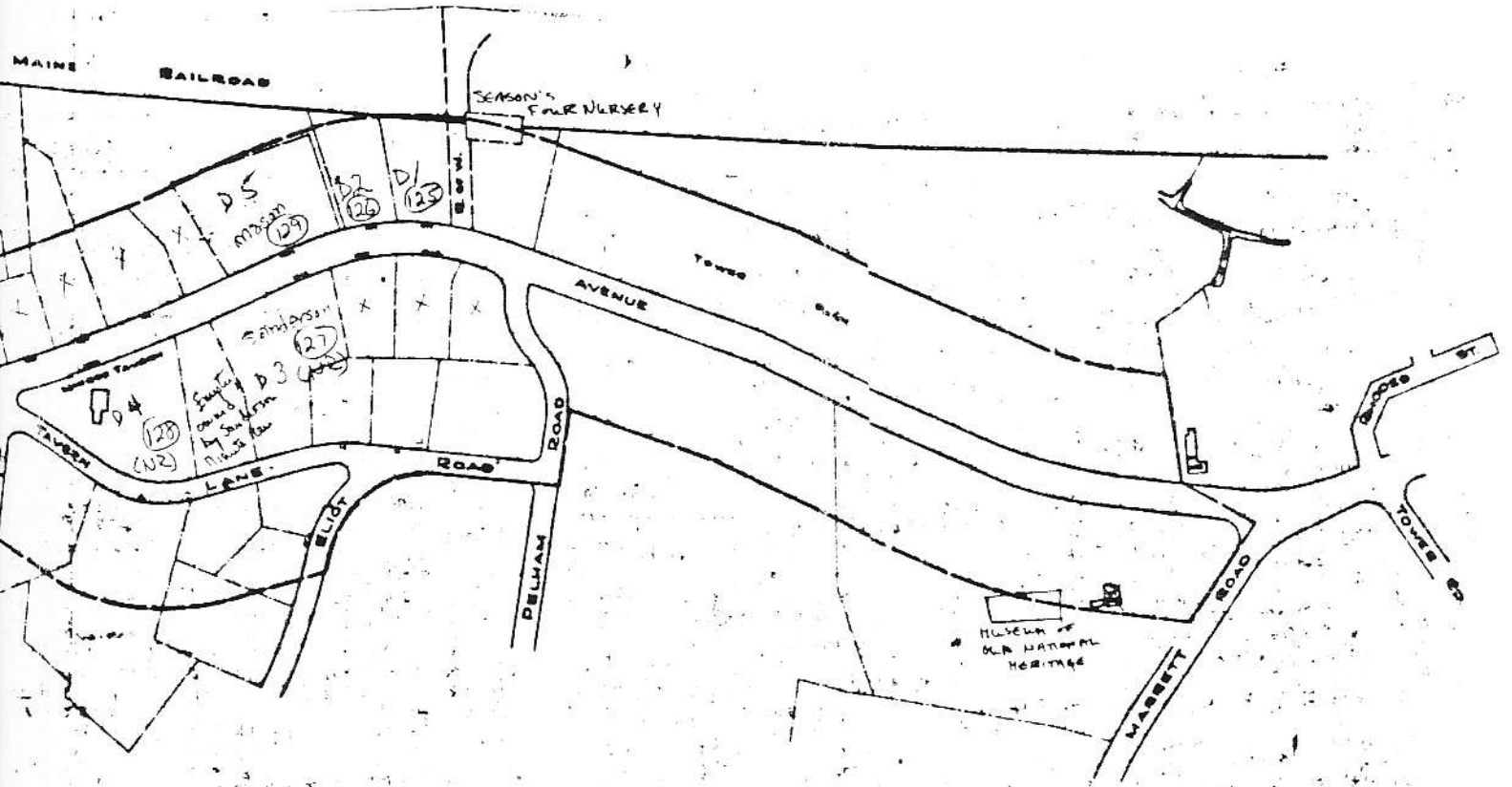
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